(4) In section 7 add at the beginning—

(a) 'In every kuri there shall be a vaimpu in duplicate and.'

(b) In section 7 (1) delete 'and every subscriber.'

(5) In section 8 read as 'Vaimpu' for 'Kuri.'

Add in section 8(2) 'After the vaimpu is registered and before the first ticket is drawn, the foreman shall file before the Registrar a statement in duplicate containing the full name and address of every subscriber and the number of tiickets and fractions thereof held by each subscriber.

The Registrar shall then endorse on the duplicate a certificate that the kuri is registered.

Every such endorsement shall be conclusive evidence that the kuri is duly registered under the Regulation.

If a foreman makes default in filing the statement with the correct prescribed particulars, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees.

(6) In section 11 delete 'the prize-winner or winners or such other person or persons duly authorised in writing on their behalf.'

(7) In section 13 clause (1) delete the following 'and the provision is especially assented to in writing by or on behalf of all the subscribers.'

(8) In section 25 delete 'the amount of subscription to be paid by the defaulter for each instalment may be withdrawn, from time to time as occasion arises for payment to future prize-winners' and read 'amounts may be withdrawn from time to time as occasion arises for kuri purposes.'

(9) In section 36 add after the word 'conducted' the following 'provided a written notice of at least seven days is given'

(10) In section 51 add the following after the words 'per annum' 'and the foreman shall be entitled to sue for and recover from the prized subscriber amounts outstanding with them in excess of their actual subscriptions with interest at 6 per cent per annum.'

Mr. K. P. KANNAN NAYAR.

(1) In section 51, clause 2, after the word 'subscriber' in line 3 insert 'or starter.'

(2) In section 51 clause 3, after the word 'subscriber' in line 1 insert 'or starter.'

Cochin Irrigation Bill.

Deputy President.—The next is the introduction of the Cochin Irrigation Bill.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I move that the Cochin Irrigation Bill be read in Council.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I beg to second it.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—In bringing this Bill before the Council, I expect the hearty co-operation of not only the non-official Members of this House but also of the official Members.

Deputy President.—If that is not opposed, I don't think whether any speech is necessary. Under the Standing Orders, if there is no opposition, is it necessary ? I am not sure. I must just look into them.

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Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Rule 31 says:—"If the motion be seconded, the principle of the Bill and its general provisions may then be discussed, and if the motion be carried, the Secretary shall read the title of the Bill." After the motion the principles of the Bill and the general provisions may be discussed.

Deputy President.—I don't object to your speech.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—We are satisfied.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Standing Order 31.

Deputy President.—Yes, all right, you may begin.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I do not want to make any elaborate statement of the scope and objects of the Bill. It has already been given in the objects and reasons appended to the Bill itself. I should just like to bring to the notice of the House the present state of irrigation works in this State, and how far it is unsatisfactory, and what is aimed to be achieved by the present Regulation. In this State, so far as I know, the only permanent systems of irrigation are found to be existing in the Chittur Taluk, and that itself originated not from the Government, but it began from private enterprise, and it was subsequently taken over by the Government. In the Talappalli Taluk, which lies just almost west of the Chittur Taluk, where, also we find that large irrigation systems are quite essential, we find that, at the instance of the Government, the Tahsildar of Talappalli, on the 20th of March 1917, submitted a report to the Government about the necessity of the several systems of irrigation works in respect of the wet lands in the Talappalli Taluk. That matter was submitted to the Diwan on the 29th of March 1917 accompanied by a report of the Chief Engineer, and we find that no less than 120 items of irrigation works are recommended by the Tahsildar. Now, all these items have been approved by the Government. But the Government say that a few of these items require further investigation. But we find now that, in spite of the lapse of several years,—more than 12 years—most of these works have been left untouched. Coming further south in the Talappalli, Mukundapuram and Trichur Taluks, the question of irrigation takes a different aspect, not only the question of irrigation, but the question of drainage also. So irrigation has been defined so as to include works of drainage as well. The question of *kole* cultivation is bound to become a very important matter in connection with the question of providing irrigation works. The *kole* cultivation requires for its success the co-operation of the several cultivators and proprietors of land, and it requires some arrangement for the purpose of preventing discord among them, which is so common a feature of this *kole*

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cultivation. In reply to question No. 156 which was answered yesterday I was told about the existing systems of irrigation works, but along with the answer it is said that it is difficult, if not impossible, to furnish the required figures as to when these irrigation systems were constructed or what amounts were spent by the Government, as these were constructed at very distant dates. That would show that, for the last decade or more, no permanent works of irrigation have been constructed by the Government, in spite of the fact that we find that there are very urgent works of irrigation which have to be done. Further you will find that, on the 10th of March 1926, a resolution of this House was passed recommending the appointment of a committee to lay down a vigorous policy in the matter of development of irrigation. This would point out the necessity for an Irrigation Regulation to provide for the construction and maintenance of irrigation works; but I don't think that the Regulation as placed before you is in any way complete in itself, and I hope that, by referring the Bill to a Select Committee and inviting the opinion of the public, valuable suggestions would be forthcoming. There was an Irrigation Regulation in Travancore as early as the year 1072, and most of the provisions of this Bill have been adopted from that Regulation with slight changes necessitated by the different conditions in the State. Now the Bill itself consists of 10 parts. The first part consists only of definitions. The second part provides for the maintenance and construction of petty and minor irrigation works. The third part deals with the construction of major irrigation works. The fourth part provides for rules and conditions under which a private individual owning a large tract of land can construct irrigation works. The fifth part deals with the problems of *kole* cultivation and of general drainage. Parts 6 to 9 deal with the rules for the emergent supply of labour and the power of Government to make rules and provide penalties, and part 10 deals with the constitutions of local boards for regulating the supply of water and the repair and maintenance of irrigation works. These provisions, I am conscious, are not exhaustive and complete, and I hope, with the co-operation and help of the Members of the Select Committee, tangible results will be achieved. I again request the House to give the Bill their hearty support and co-operation.

Deputy President.—Does anybody wish to speak on the subject? You may move for the Committee.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—It is only when the other motion is passed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before we vote, we may hear the Government side.

Do the Government oppose the motion?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We don't oppose the introduction of this Bill.

Question proposed: *That the motion be carried.*

Question put and agreed to.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is 'the Cochin Irrigation Bill.'

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Sir, I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of 8 Members, *viz.*, Dr. A. G. Menon, Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja, Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar, Mr. Thomas Manjuran, Mr. C. V. Kuriyan, Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, the Government Member and the mover.

Deputy President.—You may add the name of the Member who is in charge of that Department.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—It so happens that the subject of irrigation is partly in charge of the Chief Engineer and partly under the Superintendent of Panchayats.

Deputy President.—Then both of them will have to be included.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Then the number will be increased to 9.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Any individual Member can move for addition according to the Rules.

I move for adding three more names, the Diwan Peishkar, the Superintendent of Agriculture and the Member for Chittur (Rural.)

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I fear that the Committee will become too unwieldy.

Deputy President.—The subject is also very important.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—But the number of Members should not be very large.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—11 is not after all a large number.

Deputy President.—Who seconds your motion?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I second it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I second Dr. A. R. Menon's motion.

Deputy President.—You may accept that also.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Yes, I accept that, Sir.

Motion for the appointment of a Select Committee put and agreed to.

Deputy President.—I have to nominate the President of the Committee. I appoint the Diwan Peishkar as the Chairman of the Committee.

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In what time are you to submit the report ?

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I think provisionally a period of six months may be fixed for submitting the report.

Nambudiri Reform Bill.

Deputy President.—Mrs. G. Pavitran will introduce her Nambudiri Reform Bill.

Mrs. G. Pavitran.—I move that the Nambudiri Reform Bill be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

മിസ്റ്റർ വൈദ്യരത്നം ടി. നാരായണൻ മൂസ്സ്.—നമ്പൂതിരി ബില്ലിനെ പറ്റി മെമ്പർമാർ പറയുന്നതു മലയാളത്തിലായാൽ കൊള്ളാം. എനിക്കു ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി പ്രസിഡെണ്ട്.—ഇപ്പോൾ ബിൽ ആലോചനയ്ക്ക് എടുക്കണം എന്നു മാത്രമെ പറയുന്നുള്ളൂ. അക്ഷേപം വല്ലതുമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ പറയാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ വൈദ്യരത്നം ടി. നാരായണൻ മൂസ്സ്.—ഈ ബിൽ ഞാൻ കണ്ടിട്ടില്ല. മലയാളത്തിൽ അതിന്റെ പകർപ്പൊന്നുമില്ല. അതു വായിച്ചു നോക്കിയിട്ടു വേണം വല്ലതും പറയുവാൻ. ഇതു വളരെ വലിയ ഒരു കാര്യമാണ്; സമുദായത്തിലെ പലരോടും ചോദിച്ചു സമാധാനം പറയേണ്ടതുമാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഇതു വരുന്ന സെഷനിലേക്കോ അതിന്റെ പിന്നത്തെതിലേക്കോ മാറ്റിവെച്ചാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

Deputy President.—Under what section ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—It is not seconded.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is only a request from him. It needs no seconder.

Deputy President.—Under what rule ?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Under Standing Order 26.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Any business can be adjourned by the Council.

ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി പ്രസിഡെണ്ട്.—എന്തു നിയമത്തിന്മേലാണ് ഇതു മാറ്റിവെക്കേണ്ടതു എന്നറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

മിസ്റ്റർ വൈദ്യരത്നം ടി. നാരായണൻ മൂസ്സ്.—എനിക്കു മലയാളം കോപ്പി തന്നെ കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല.

ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി പ്രസിഡെണ്ട്.—ഇതു നീട്ടിവെക്കാൻ അപേക്ഷിപ്പാൻ നിങ്ങൾക്കു അധികാരമുണ്ടെങ്കിലും നിങ്ങളെ ആരെങ്കിലും second ചെയ്യുവാനുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. V. V Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The motion is for re-circulation of the Bill.

Deputy President.—Even that should be passed by the Council.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It is a motion under S. O. 26 for the adjournment of the business.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Deputy President.—I shall take the sense of the Council.

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